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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014477 – Agency spend

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. Please provide the 10 largest individual agency payments for core hours your trust has authorised above the agency worker price caps set by NHS Improvement for each of the following medical grades for (a) 2017-18 and (b) 2018-19 (to date).

- Foundation Year 1
- Foundation Year 2
- Registrar ST1-2
- Registrar ST3
- Speciality staff/staff grade
- Associate specialist
- Consultant

Please provide the figures excluding VAT, as a rate per hour, what the cap was at that particular point in time, the month it was paid and the type of shift being filled.

2. Please provide the 10 largest individual agency payments for unsocial hours your trust has authorised above the agency worker price caps set by NHS Improvement for each of the following medical grades for (a) 2017-18 and (b) 2018-19 (to date).

- Foundation Year 1
- Foundation Year 2
- Registrar ST1-2
- Registrar ST3
- Speciality staff/staff grade
- Associate specialist
- Consultant

Please provide the figures excluding VAT, as a rate per hour, what the cap was at that particular point in time, the month it was paid and the type of shift being filled.

Please note: When I ask for agency payments, I am after the definition used by NHS Improvement in chapter five of this document: [https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/2827/Agency\\_rules\\_-\\_2018\\_final\\_draft.pdf](https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/2827/Agency_rules_-_2018_final_draft.pdf)

It classes a payment as the fee paid to the agency worker plus any associated costs, agency finder fees, travel costs etc...

The level of information requested is not held in an electronic format, it would be held on the invoice and in the period requested there were 2704 invoices received, to look through each invoice would exceed the 18 hours mandated under the Freedom of Information Act.

To see other Freedom of Information requests on agency staff please go to the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/> and in the search box type in agency.

Agency staff is also discussed at the monthly Board meeting, please go to the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/board-of-directors/board-meetings/>

There is also information in the Annual Accounts <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/annual-report>